

EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR TAIWAN (REPUBLIC OF CHINA)

ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

A. Eligible product.

1. Meat and Meat Products, including fresh/frozen beef, pork, lamb, goat, equine, and certain prepared products, nuchal ligaments, and casings.
2. Fresh/frozen poultry and poultry products derived from turkey, ostrich and Emu.
3. Pork Uteri, prepared under sanitary conditions and eligible to bear the mark of inspection.*
4. Pork suckling pigs up to 8 kilograms (fresh/chilled/frozen) with head, skin, ears, tail and feet but with no entrails are eligible for export to Taiwan.
5. Inedible meat and poultry products

(NOTE: Other meat products such as chicken meat, offal products, and game meat are subject to entrance providing the importer has obtained a license from Taiwan's council of Agriculture.)

B. Ineligible product

1. Poultry livers, heads, feet, tails (tails on whole birds accepted but whole tails on parts are not accepted), entrails, necks, and testes.
2. Duck and duck products
3. Product imported from another country and re-exported to Taiwan without reprocessing.

SLAUGHTER/PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

A. Preparation of unscaled stomachs, etc. The stomachs must:

1. originate from U.S. inspected and passed carcasses; and
2. be washed and handled as regularly prepared tripe, except for scalding.

LABELING REQUIREMENTS

A. Unscaled stomachs. Shipping containers must be prominently marked "Unscaled Beef Stomachs For Export To The Republic of China (Taiwan) Only."

B. Packing dates (including year, month and day) must appear on all shipping container (i.e., box) labels of product exported to Taiwan.

C. All import shipments of pre-packaged (consumer ready) foods will need to have a Chinese language label before applying for import inspection. Exporters are advised to work with their importer prior to shipping product to Taiwan to avoid unnecessary delays.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5. All FSIS Form 9060-5 certificates must be dated and signed by an FSIS veterinarian.

B. Obtain Certificate for Export to Taiwan--FSIS form 9285-1 (04/11/2000), Certificate for Export to Taiwan for all products exported to Taiwan. On or after October 1, 2000, FSIS Form 9285-1 (04/11/2000) must be used to certify product intended for export to Taiwan. The

previous edition 9285-1 (01/03/2000) may be used until that date.

1. Complete one FSIS Form 9285-1 (04/11/2000) for each establishment producing product listed on FSIS Form 9060-5.

a. Indicate species for each item.

(1) List all species represented in a product in the Species column, e.g., franks made with beef, pork, and chicken, "beef," "pork," and "chicken" would be listed in the Species column.

b. Indicate the date (or range) of slaughter, manufacture, or processing for each item.

(1) Slaughter dates are required for all fresh/frozen products (e.g., whole carcasses, halves, quarters or other large cuts).

(2) Manufacturing or packing date is required for each prepared cut or by-product (including primal parts, PD (S) FT and freeze dried products) or processed products

(3) Slaughter and manufacturing (or packing) dates must include the year, month and day. To avoid confusion, the month should be spelled out or abbreviated. If dates cover several days within one single month, listing a hyphenated date such as January 15-23, 1994 is acceptable. However, if the time period covers more than one month, the dates should be listed separately such as, for example, January 28-31 and February 1-3, 2000.

Note: FSIS Form 9285-1 (04/11/2000) contains a block at the bottom of the form to be completed by the exporter or shipper. The FSIS veterinarian may sign the certificate without this block completed and the exporter is responsible for its accuracy.

C. Additional Statement for Poultry. The following statement must be placed in the remarks section of FSIS Form 9060-5 for poultry product destined for Taiwan (Republic of China):

"The poultry products originated from a state where no avian influenza has been diagnosed within the last 12 months."

D. Poultry exported to Taiwan and subsequently re-exported to Japan must include the following statement, upon request by the exporter, in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5 or on an FSIS letterhead certificate (which is signed by the same FSIS veterinarian signing the export certificate), providing that the poultry complies:

"There have been no outbreaks of fowl pest (fowl plague) for at least 90 days in the United States. Further, in the area where birds for export (meat) were produced (such an area being within a minimum radius of 50 kilometers from the production farm), Newcastle disease, fowl cholera, and other serious infectious fowl diseases, as recognized by the United States, have not occurred for at least 90 days."

E. Additional Statements for Ostrich and Emu. The following statements must be placed in the remarks section of FSIS Form 9060-5 for ostrich and Emu products destined for Taiwan (Republic of China):

"The ostrich meat originated from ostriches which were born in the United States and raised for more than 28 days on a farm prior to slaughter."

"The United States is free of foot-and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, African swine fever and highly pathogenic avian influenza."

Prior to importing ostrich and/or Emu meat, the importer must obtain a license from Taiwan's Board of Foreign Trade (BOFT) and prior approval from the Council of Agriculture (COA).

F. Casings.

1. Casings Originating and Processed in the U.S. - Obtain FSIS Form 9060-7 (7/87), Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Fit for Human Consumption Statements.

2. Casings Originating in the U.S. and Processed in Mexico - The following conditions must be met:

a. Casings must originate from animals slaughtered in the U.S.

b. Casings must be processed in one of the following Mexican Establishments:

TIF # 46

DeWied International, S.A. de C.V.

Piedras Negras, Coah.

TIF # 130

Empaques M.C.H., S.A. de C.V.

Zaragoza, Coah.

c. When returned from Mexico, the casings must be accompanied by an official Mexican certificate (Form 27) issued at one of the establishments listed above. The certificate must indicate that casings originated from animals slaughtered in the U.S.

d. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-17 (1/98), Animal Casings Export Certificate for Countries Requiring Ante-Mortem, Post-Mortem, and Fit for Human Consumption Statements (For Casings Processed in Mexico).

G. The grade label (e.g., "U.S. Choice" or "U.S. Prime") of beef graded USDA Choice or higher must be indicated on FSIS Form 9060-5 as part of the product description or in the "Remarks Section".

H. Inedible Meat and Poultry Product - Obtain FSIS Form 9060-9 (6/87). The form must be signed by an FSIS Veterinarian. Inedible product must be denatured or it will be rejected by Taiwan.

PLANTS ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT

All Federally inspected establishments are eligible to export to Taiwan.

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